

San Pedro Resource Management Plan

Preliminary Issues and
BLM Management Guidance

SPRNCA Conservation Values from Public Law 100-696

- Riparian Area
- Aquatic
- Wildlife
- Archeological
- Paleontological
- Scientific
- Cultural
- Educational
- Recreational



Preliminary Planning Issues

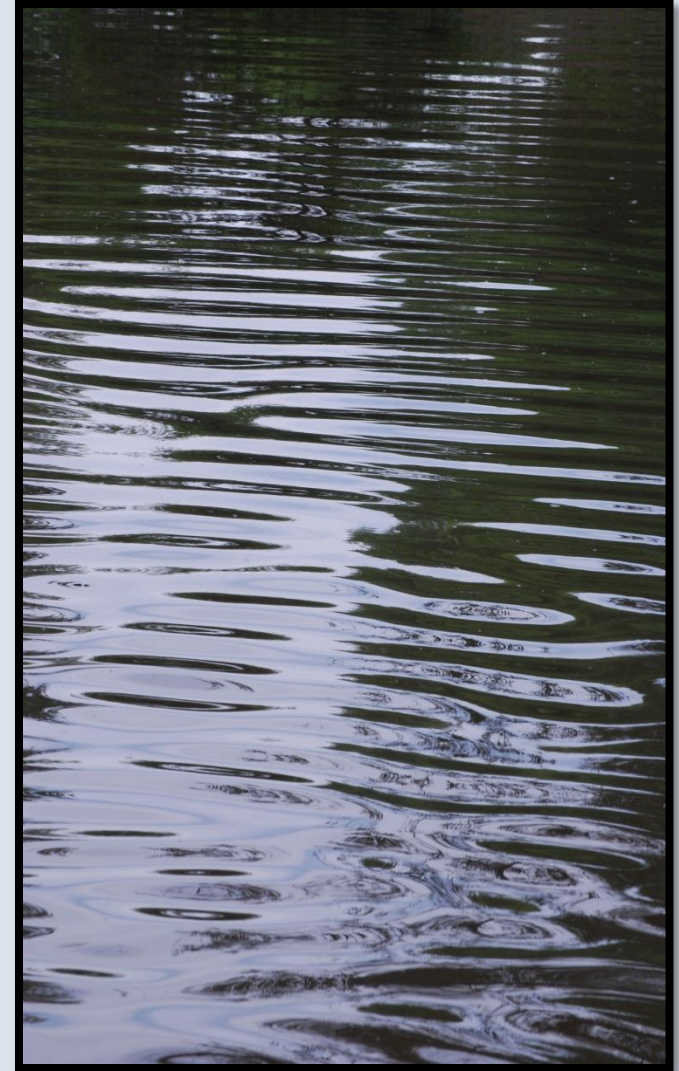
- What should be the geographic extent of the **planning area** in order to plan for the resources in the SPRNCA?
- What are the desired future conditions for **water quantity** in the SPRNCA?
- What are the desired future conditions for the **riparian and upland plant communities** and what management actions are needed to achieve them?

Preliminary Planning Issues

- What are the desired future conditions for **migratory bird habitat** and what management actions are needed to achieve them?
- Which areas should be opened and closed to **livestock grazing**?
- What are the **use restrictions** that should be put in place to achieve desired future conditions?
- What management guidance is needed for management of resources next to the **urban interface**?

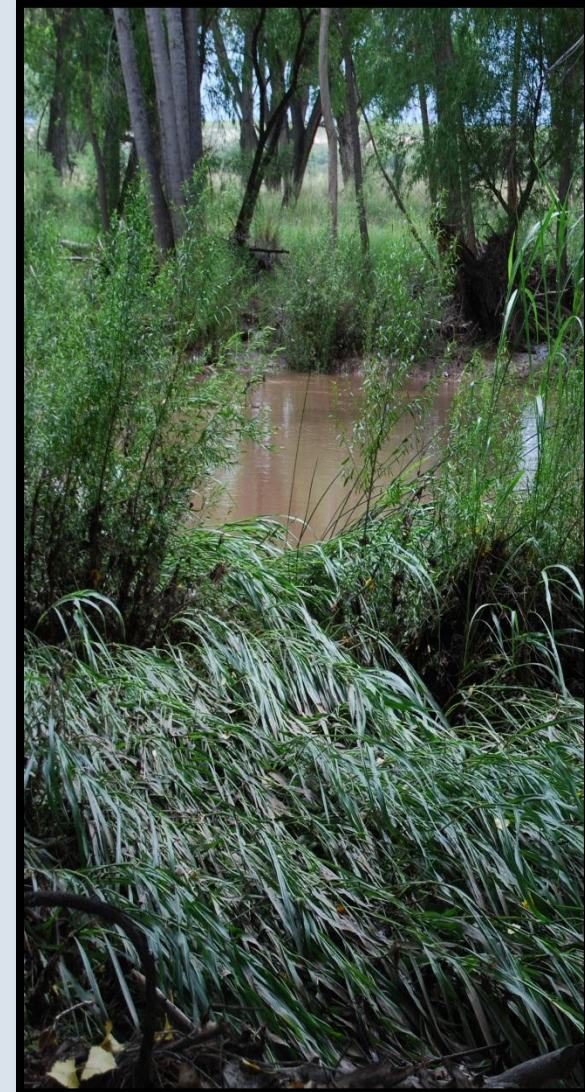
RMP Decisions: Water Resources

- Identify area-wide use restrictions to meet **water quality standards**
- Identify measures to **ensure water availability** for functioning, healthy systems and multiple use management
- Identify desired future conditions for streams
 - **desired width/depth ratios**
 - **streambank conditions**
 - **channel substrate conditions**
 - **large woody material characteristics.**



RMP Decisions: Riparian Vegetation

- Identify **desired riparian vegetation conditions**
- Identify **desired outcomes for riparian functions;**
- Identify **areas of ecological importance** and **designate priority plant species and habitats;**
- Identify **actions and use restrictions** to achieve desired vegetative conditions;



RMP Decisions: Watershed Management

- Identify **watersheds or soils needing special protection**
- Identify **areas of ecological importance** and **designate priority plant species and habitats;**
- Identify **actions and use restrictions** to achieve desired vegetative conditions



RMP Decisions: Range

- Identify **lands available or not available to livestock grazing**, considering the following:
 - Terrain, soil, vegetation, and watershed characteristics
 - Presence of other resources that might need special protection
 - Presence of undesirable vegetation
- For lands available to grazing, identify:
 - **Amount of forage available**
- Include **grazing management practices** to reach desired future conditions. Such as:
 - Grazing systems
 - Range improvements and land treatments
 - Changes in seasons of use
 - and/or stocking rates



RMP Decisions: Fish and Wildlife

- Designate **priority species and habitats** for significant species
- Describe **desired habitat conditions and/or populations**
- Identify **actions and use restrictions** to achieve desired habitat and population conditions
- Acknowledge **AGFD role in wildlife management**



RMP Decisions: Special Status Species

- Identify **desired outcomes, restoration opportunities, use restrictions, and management strategies** to conserve and recover special status species
- Identify **ecologically important areas** or **scarce, limited habitats**
- Identify **strategies to enhance habitat** or **prevent avoidable loss**
- Identify **stipulations or criteria** that will be applied to implementation actions



RMP Decisions: Cultural Resources

- Identify **special cultural resource restrictions and site specific restrictions** that protect cultural resources
- **Allocate cultural properties** to one of the following use categories: scientific, conservation for future use, traditional use, public use, experimental use and discharged from management
- Identify **measures to pro-actively manage**, protect, and use cultural resources, including traditional cultural properties.



RMP Decisions: Paleontological Resources

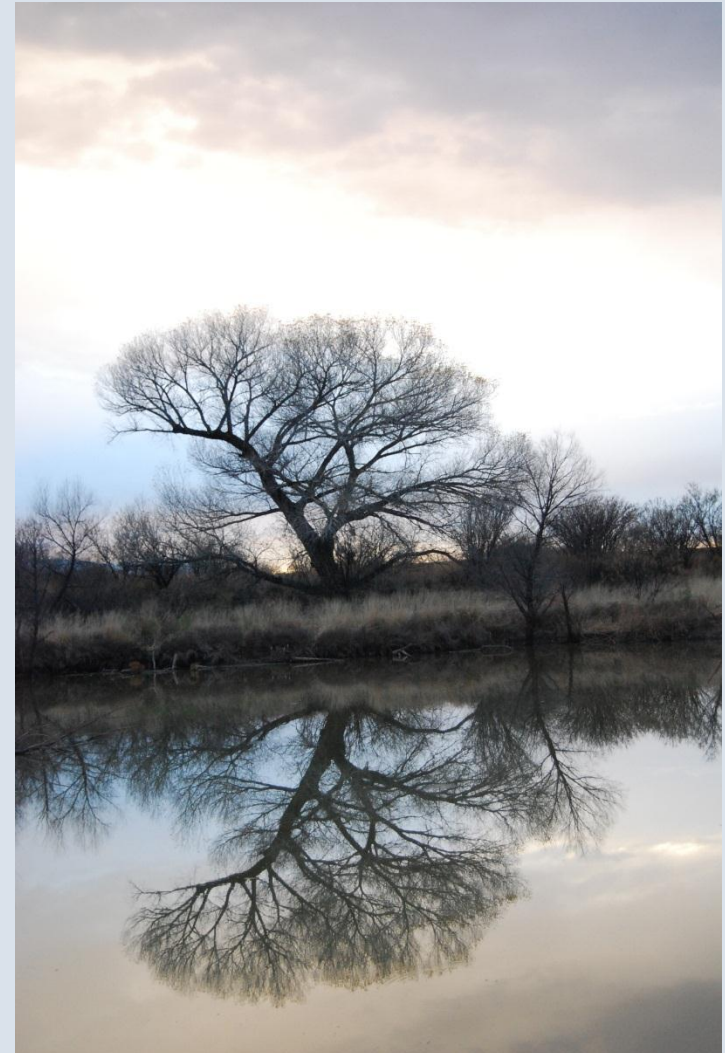
Identify **criteria or use restrictions** to ensure

- areas containing, or that are likely to contain, vertebrate or noteworthy occurrences of invertebrate or plant fossils are identified and evaluated prior to authorizing surface-disturbing activities;
- management recommendations are developed to promote the scientific, educational, and recreational uses of fossils;
- threats to paleontological resources are identified and mitigated as appropriate.



RMP Decisions: Visual Resources

- Manage **visual resource values** in accordance with **visual resource management (VRM) objectives**
- Designate **VRM management classes** for all areas of BLM land, based on an inventory of visual resources and management considerations for other land uses



RMP Decisions: Wilderness Characteristics

- Identify decisions to **protect or preserve wilderness characteristics** (naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude, and outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation).
- Develop **goals and objectives to protect the resource** and management actions necessary to achieve these goals and objectives.
- For authorized activities, include **conditions of use to avoid or minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics**.

RMP Decisions: Recreation

- **Designate Recreation Management Areas (RMAs)** - either Special Recreation Management Areas or Extensive Recreation Management Areas
- **Establish Recreation and Visitor Service Objectives** for each RMA
- **Identify supporting management strategies and allowable uses** for each RMA
- **Delineate travel management areas and designate off-highway vehicle management areas**

